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News Briefs

BY KIKI BANDLOW '11 **CO-NEWS EDITOR**

Quad and Logos

Students and faculty received awards at the Spring 2009 Tennessee High School Press Association Awards Ceremony on Mar. 2. Held at Vanderbilt University, the ceremony recognized students and advisers from across the state.

New publication The Quad won second place for Best Online Publication. Claudia Crook '10, Joanna Mc-Call '11, Cara Moses '11, Sarah Schutt '09, Grace Tipps '10, and Emmy Weikert '10 were all recognized for stories published in The Quad. Mr. Adam Ross also received an "Excellent" in the Media Advisor category.

Logos won second place for Best Overall Newspaper and received an "All Tennessee" rating, the highest newspaper ranking. Kiki Bandlow '11, Saxby Wiles '11, Madeleine Byrd '09, Sarah Schutt '09, Kaity Krupp '09, Kelsea Best '11, Michele Martin '11, Parker Davis '11, Emily Tseng '10, Channing Garber '09, Cassie Sanders '10, and Caitlin Casey '12 all received awards. Ms. Denise Croker also won the Bonnie Hufford Award for Tennessee Media Adviser of the Year.

Real World

With March being the "Abolish the Death Penalty Month," the latest Brown Bag lunch featured James Staub, who works with the Tennessee Coalition to Abolish State Killing (TCASK.) Because Staub's mother was killed when he was 12 years old, he works to speak out against the death penalty. The Justice League is now writing letters to the state legislature to help with the move-

Scholastics

Freshman Mary Liza Hartong won two Gold Key Awards in the Regional Scholastics Writing Competition. Her short story "It Won't Be Long Now" and memoir "The Good Life" will go on to compete at the national level.

Spring Break Danger



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Community feels economic crunch: Students make effort to cut spending



The Harpeth Hall community has attempted to save money when possible due to the recent economic recession. Students have decreased their extraneous spending through going out less, finding cost-efficient alternatives for brand name items, and using cash in place of a credit card to keep track of the money they spend

BY SARAH SCHUTT '09 NEWS EDITOR

In the past year, economic turmoil has increasingly replaced every other issue as the nation's foremost problem. Over the last nine months, companies listed on stock exchanges around the world have lost 35 to 50 percent of their value. As recession has become the dominant subject of conversation around the world, its effects, whether small or large, have been felt at Harpeth

The unending media coverage and warnings from parents have undoubtedly rendered a more conscious student body. Though for the most part, changes have not been vast, most students have noticed a difference in their day-to-day lives. Whether it means thinking twice before spending or cutting out an after-school snack, changes have been made.

"I'm more conscious of what I spend," said Lexi Zager '09. "I wasn't necessarily reckless before, but I now have a greater awareness of how much I spend."

"I'm more concerned about spending

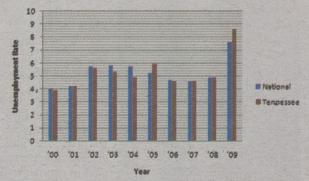
money," said Madeline Wiseman '09. "My mom doesn't talk to me about any family cutbacks, but I have noticed that she only buys one gallon of chocolate milk instead

For students wielding credit cards, one method of reducing spending is to pay with cash, and avoid the temptation of charging

items. "For Lent, I gave up using my credit card," said Sabin Nettles '09. "Now I either use cash or don't eat. I used to go to Wendy's or Walgreens after school, even if I didn't need something. But now that I carry around cash and my wallet is completely empty, I've been living the simple life. No more Walgreens."

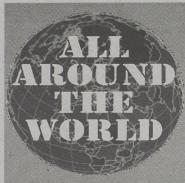
"I didn't realize how much \$10 really is," said Sabin. "I've become more aware and appreciative of my parents. It's been really difficult to avoid old habits sometimes, though.'

Students have found additional ways to cut costs by eliminating such pricey habits. A greater awareness has led many to abandon costly stores such as Whole Foods for affordable ones such as Kroger or Costco. (cont'd page 2)



Both TN and national unemployment rates have skyrocketed in the last year though TN has been harder hit than the country

Source: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics



BY KIKI BANDLOW '11 CO-NEWS EDITOR

Zimbabwe

The Prime Minister of Zimbabwe's wife was killed in a car accident on Mar. 6. After an American truck carrying drugs for AIDS relief hit a rough patch or pothole in the road, it spun out of control and sideswiped the sport utility vehicle carrying Prime Minister Morgan Tsvangirai and his wife. The car turned over several times and threw Susan, Tsvangirai's wife of over 30 years and mother of his six children. from the car. Tsyangirai was injured, and his wife died shortly after the collision. The crash is almost certain to have been an accident; however, seeing as Tsvangirai has been targeted with multiple threats on his life before, an investigation is being opened to confirm that it truly was an accident.

Irad

With a new president in charge, a firmer exit strategy has been put into place for the war in Iraq. President Obama has deemed Aug. 2010 the end of all combat operations in Iraq. Along with a withdrawal date 15 months away, violence has significantly decreased. Within the last year, attacks have dropped by 70 percent. Iraq is still not completely secure, and there is no guarantee for stability. However, after six years of this war, American troops will soon be returning.

Sudan

The International Criminal Court ordered the arrest of Sudanese President Omar Hassan al-Bashir on Wed., Mar. 4. His arrest is for war crimes and crimes against humanity committed in Darfur. In his country, 2.5 million people have been forced to flee Darfur, and 300,000 have died in the bloodbath between rebel groups and the government. The Sudan is legally obliged to arrest President Bashir, but it is unlikely the country will comply.

Recession hits Harpeth Hall (cont'd)

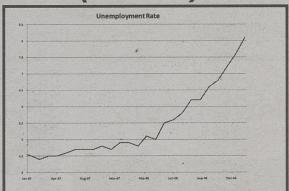
(cont'd from page 1) Dining out, Starbucks coffee, and pedicures have found themselves off the budget. Students now look for low-price options, swapping expensive alternatives such as Sephora for the cost-effective Walgreens. "Rather than go get a drink, I go home and make hot chocolate myself," said Angela Park '09. "I don't spend as much."

"My dad has practically whipped me every time I buy something," said Callie Hughes '09.

For teachers, changes have not occurred as much in the day-to-day as in their future plans. "It hasn't really

changed my everyday life," said Mr. Scott Myrick. However, he admitted, "It's pretty much decimated my retirement savings. Pretty much everybody I know has seen their retirement funds dwindle. Around here that's what people talk about the most."

"Both my wife and I haven't really been affected," said Dr. Jack Henderson. "We got wiped out in the stock market and we're more worried than we have been before about our retirement. We're holding our breath like anyone else, and we have not reinvested.'



The national unemployment rate has skyrocketed to a whopping 8.1 percent, the highest since 1983. As of January, Tennessee's unemployment rate is currently 8.6 percent.

HH 'goes green' while cutting costs

BY PARKER DAVIS '11 STAFF WRITER

Harpeth Hall is taking many steps to help the environment "Go Green," and in turn help the school's finances during the current downturn in the economy. These steps, according to a newsletter from Head of School Ann Teaff, include replacing plastic take-out and Styrofoam confainers with recyclable paper products in the dining hall, using china and silverware at catered events, and purchasing environmentallyfriendly cleaning products and de-ice melt.

The school will also provide reusable water bottles for athletes in order to eliminate plastic cups and bottles, replace paper cups with reusable mugs in the faculty

cartridges, and provide recycling bins for paper and plastic bottles around campus.

One of the main focuses and an opportunity for the most money saving is the responsible use of printing. Printing limits and double-sided printing are the best way to do this. Students are being encouraged to consider what they print beforehand, to print on scrap paper when possible, and to be conscious of their printing limit, which is firmly set.

A way to save the number of pages used is to print to a copier, which allows for double-sided printing. This is also a great way to save on printing expenses because, as Ms. Teaff said, "It is work rooms, recycling printer less expensive to print to a copier only be used in the buildings in

hall."

Another current initiative is the trayless movement in the dining hall, where upper school students and faculty are encouraged not to use trays during lunch in order to cut down on the large amount of water used to wash the trays daily. The exact amount of water that could be saved will be calculated in the near future as well as the school's energy savings as a whole this year.

The temperature of the buildings will be lowered during breaks, when people are not on campus, in an effort to cut costs and energy use. After school, heating or air conditioning will

than it is to print to a printer in the which faculty meetings are being held. To raise awareness in the Harpeth Hall community, Green Tips are being run in the "At Harpeth Hall" newsletter as well as in the Daily Announcements, showing people simple ways that they can save energy and be environmentally friendly.

> The next initiative planned for Harpeth Hall is to plant something that does not require mowing and helps to retain water along the edge of campus to reduce storm water runoff, the cause of erosion

> "We are trying to work on saving, whether it is electricity, paper, or other resources," said Ms.

After Grimes retires, Meltesen returns

BY EMILY BUZHARDT '11 STAFF WRITER

Mrs. Nancy Grimes recently retired after 17 years of teaching English. Due to her medical condition, Mrs. Grimes felt that it was time to leave. She has two chronic conditions that she has been struggling with for several years. One of her conditions is Sjoren's Syndrome, an incurable auto-immune disorder. "My medical conditions made it almost impossible for me to continue as a full time teacher with the quality of excellence that I required of myself," said Mrs. Grimes.

"I miss Mrs. Grimes immensely," said Rosie Bichell '10. Kate Wiseman '11 said that she told touching stories and really knew her students' personalities. "She is really good at reading people," said Kate. "It is as if she has known me my whole life. I miss her. Many students, including Kate, consider Mrs. Grimes one of their favorite teachers.

Mrs. Grimes loved her job working with Harpeth Hall girls. "My favorite part was establishing personal relationships with the girls over time, watching them grow, and seeing them graduate and do marvelous things," said Mrs. Grimes. "I miss my colleagues, and I miss the girls. All of them."



Ms. Meltesen returned to Harpeth Hall after four years with her family. She is now teaching Ms.

"My students need to lighten up and enjoy living every day," said Mrs. Grimes. "They don't need to be so overwhelmed and immersed in their work. They don't need to struggle for outstanding grades, awards, and achievements but just live the life of a teenage girl and enjoy it."

Harpeth Hall opened its doors to Mrs. Kristen Meltesen after the retirement of Mrs. Grimes. Mrs. Meltesen began teaching Mrs. Grimes's freshman and junior classes when school resumed after Winterim. Mrs. Grimes considers her an outstanding teacher.

Mrs. Meltensen previously worked at Harpeth Hall as an English teacher from 1999-2005. She spent three years as an 8th grade teacher and three years in the upper school before leaving to start her family. She has a four year-old son, Niles, and an 18 month-old daughter, Liza Nelle.

Since having children, Mrs. Meltensen has changed her view on teaching. "Now that I have children, I think of my students in a different way, as someone's child instead of a student," said Mrs. Meltesen. "Having children also helps me keep perspective about what is important."

Mrs. Meltensen has enjoyed teaching English again. "I love discussing novels with students and introducing them to new literature," said Mrs. Meltesen. "It's been really wonderful to come back, and everyone's been really welcoming."

Mrs. Meltesen has not decided if she will return to Harpeth Hall next year.

Annual Peace Jam hosts Nobel laureate

BY RACHEL WHITE '09 **CO-FEATURES EDITOR**

"Peace is sexy. Peace is hot. Peace is now," was how Nobel laureate Jody Williams welcomed 300 high school students to the Peace Jam Conference on Feb. 21, 2009. Peace Jam is an organization that hosts an annual weekend-long conference at Rhodes University in Memphis. Students from the mid-south region of various backgrounds attended the conference to have the chance to discuss with a Nobel laureate and to present a peace project from their organization.

Ms. Williams received the Nobel Peace Prize in 1997 for an international treaty to ban land mines and for clearing antipersonnel land mine fields. In 2006, she was one of the founding members of the Nobel Women's Initiative, which works to strengthen women's rights work around the globe.

With so many conference participants, Ms. Williams encouraged young peace jammers to get involved now. "I'm from a town with more cows than people, and that's how we liked it," said Ms. Williams. "Neither of my parents graduated from



Rachel White '09, 5th from the left, joined members from her church at the annual Peace Jam Conference. Students participated in the Conference under the leadership of Nobel laureate Jody Williams (center).

Rachel White '09

high school. I was 31 before I became an activist. I can't wait to see what you can do. You'll be able to rock the world better than I did." In response to a question of how she won the Nobel Peace Prize, Ms. Williams said, "It's not rocket science. It's

not magic. It's just hard work every single day."

During the Ceremony of Inspiration, in which youth share their inspirations as they light a candle, Ms. Williams said, "There are days I wish I was ignorant, but once you realize you can make a difference, how can you walk

Jody Williams is no pacifist. She advised future peacemakers to "not let people call you a wimp because you think peace is possible. You can get angry. Sometimes righteous indignation is okay."

Ms. Williams has the same attitude when it comes to today's problems. "I'm as worried as anyone else, but I'm not going to sit

back and let it paralyze me," she said. She also expressed her support for the current U.S. Administration, saying, "It is really easy to divide people; I want this country to regenerate a collective vision about where we are going."

Harpeth Hall students have competed in various areas of interest on a regional and state level this spring. Here are some of the high-



The Science Olympiad team competed against schools from across middle Tennessee at the Feb. 28 meet. The team placed fourth and will go on to compete in the state competition at UT-Knoxville Mar. 28.

Photo by Lisa Keen

Tuition rises for year 2009-2010

BY MICHELE MARTIN '11 STAFF WRITER

Parents who enroll their children for the 2009-2010 school year at Harpeth Hall will be paying 4 percent more money than they are paying for this current school year. The administration has decided to up the tuition rate from \$19,535 to \$20,707 for next year in the Upper School and from \$18,795 to \$19,547 in the Middle School.

According to Ms. Ann Teaff, tuition money goes toward maintaining many things at the school. Roughly 65 percent of tuition goes to paying salaries and benefits for the faculty and staff.

"While faculty/staff salary raises will be dramatically lower than in any year since I came to Harpeth Hall in 1998, we individual families but also the school.

do want to give our outstanding faculty and staff at least some small raise," said Ms. Teaff.

Students around campus seem to be aware of this change, and some seem to

When asked about her opinion on it, Laura Gregory '11 said, "Because of how the economy is right now, this raise in tuition will definitely affect not only my family, but many other families at Harpeth

Despite this worry from students, a tuition raise at any private school is to be expected each year because of the rise in costs. The economy is not only affecting

"Tuition dollars will also go to make up for the shortfall in the income we receive each year from our endowment because of the current economic crisis," said

One of the other main expenses that tuition money goes toward is maintaining the campus, both buildings and grounds.

The money that students pay each year is going toward making Harpeth Hall a better learning environment for the students and a better teaching environment for the teachers.

Julia Ann Meadows '11 said, "This raise in tuition is a minimal price to pay for attending a school like Harpeth Hall."

Science Olympiad

Cell Biology: Third Place Emily Tseng and Channing Garber

Ecology: Second Place Tina Qian and Lucy Cohn-Still

Experimental Design: 4th Place Willa Fitzgerald, Madeleine Byrd, and Maddie Polk

Forensics: 4th Place Rosie Bichell and Rohini Chakravarthy

Fossils: Third Place Tina Qian and Bennett Barr

Herpetology: 4th Place Tina Qian and Amanda Rehorn

It's About Time: Second Place Amanda Rehorn and Maddie Shankle

Technical Problem Solving: 4th Madeleine Byrd and Maddie Polk

Others receiving medals: Emily Hong, Lena Bichell, Margaret Lowe, Olivia Reeve, Allie Obremskey & Mary Lynne Graham

Elizabeth Floyd '09 wins Shakespeare competition

BY MARY LYNNE GRAHAM '11 STAFF WRITER

Elizabeth Floyd '09 received high rankings in this year's annual Shakespeare Competition. Finishing first place with her fourteen-line recitation from Act 1 Scene 5 of "Antony and Cleopatra," she earned herself a trip to the State competition held at Belmont University Sat., Mar. 7.

She competed against nine other girls from Harpeth Hall and hopes to join the former State champions from Harpeth Hall, Grace Douglas, Sarah Mayhan, and Kelleigh Bannen in their former glory. In the State competition, participants must perform their monologue as well as one of Shakespeare's sonnets.

Elizabeth Floyd has chosen to perform her original recitation as well as Shakespeare's Sonnet 22, which deals with issues such as death and aging. The winners of the various State competitions continue on to the National competition in New York, which is held at Lincoln Center.

The competitors who finish in the top three receive prizes. The third place winner receives \$500, the runner-up receives 1000, and the winner receives an all expenses paid summer trip to Oxford College in England to study Shakespeare and his various works.

Since 2000, Harpeth Hall has had a steady turnout of approximately eight to 10 girls participate in the Regional Shakespeare competition, three of whom have gone on to win the State-wide competition. Students who do all kinds of different extracurricular activities participate because of their love for Shakespeare and his poetic words.

"It's not just acting," said Elizabeth Floyd. "It's how you interpret what Shakespeare is saying. It's about finding the beauty in his words and seeing their modern meanings."

This year, the competition became open to freshman, who could not previously participate, so now any Harpeth Hall high school student can compete.

"We wish more students would participate," said Ms. Janette Fox Klocko, Upper School Theatre Director. "It helps students understand the works of the master."

CHORAL COMPETITION

The Chamber Choir competed in the Tennessee Regional Choir Festival and scored an 11.46 out of 12, which ranks Harpeth Hall high enough to compete at the state

Flops & Props: the block schedule two years later

BY CASSIE SANDERS '10 CO-OPINIONS EDITOR



Not having every class every day is great. The daily variety is accommodating, especially if there is a particular class that is not a favorite.



Students are having trouble focusing. Some students space out during long lectures, while others break up the 80-minute block with several "bathroom" breaks. Either way, they can't focus.



With only four classes, the homework load has decreased because we are preparing for fewer classes each day. Through the block schedule, we have the ability to immerse ourselves completely within those four classes and give them our undivided attention



Math and language classes are harder to keep up with. In these classes, repetition is the key to grasping difficult concepts and vocabulary. It is harder to succeed in these classes when they don't meet as often, and because of the weekend, we may not have a class for up to four days. While the break is nice, it is hard to brush off the cobwebs and jump in right where we left off.



The 80-minute blocks facilitate in-depth discussions. We now have the ability to discuss for longer periods and discuss peripheral content. This length of time is helpful for a school that utilizes and values the Harkness method of discussion.



According to the guidelines that go along with the schedule, teachers are advised not to give double the homework. If they were, we would all be floundering. But this policy does have a drawback: we are not covering nor learning as much material.



The block schedule resembles a college schedule, and since Harpeth Hall is a college prep school, implementing a college-like schedule trains students. This type of schedule promotes more independent learning. It makes students plan ahead for studying for tests and completing projects. The schedule also promotes mastering the skill of time management, i.e.: to survive in this schedule, students must stay on top of assignments.



AP classes are falling behind. There is a set syllabus that AP classes must follow in order for students to be prepared for the AP exam, but because of the new schedule everything is being crammed in. Although AP classes are supposed to move more quickly and go further in-depth than regular classes, recently they have been moving at the speed of light. In other classes, whole chapters have to be cut out of the curriculum because there just isn't enough time to cover it all.

Feminism's new frontier: selling own virginity

BY MARIA ASAD '10 STAFF WRITER

A 22-year-old Women's Studies major is auctioning off her virginity online under the pseudonym Natalie Dylan. Through a legal brothel in Nevada, she has already received bids from over 10,000 men. In her essay titled "Why I'm Selling my Virginity" she explains her motivations: to raise money for graduate school, conduct a sociological experiment, and use her virginity as a "vehicle for capitalism."

Upon first inspection, Dylan's motivations are not entirely revolutionary; she addresses that a woman's virginity has historically been used as a commodity.

In fact, Dylan prefers that hers be valued monetarily, rather than sacredly. But what difference is there between virginity being tagged as priceless or with the highest bid—\$3.8 million? Both give it more value than its worth.

Just think: if female virginity were no longer idealized and valued by society, then women would no longer be devalued by its loss, as they currently are. Case in point: if Natalie Dylan were to return to market after the fact, would the bidders pay so much then for a deflowered virgin? I think not.

What's more, Dylan's other feminist justifications, seemingly validated by her chosen major, fall wide of the mark. She feels "empowered" that men can't compete with her in terms of chastity. Men have never had to remain chaste, so there is no market value for their virginity.

Cashing in on the arbitrary standards for virginity should be the prerogative for any woman.

But what difference is there between virginity being tagged as priceless or with the highest bid—\$3.8 million?

-Maria Asad '10

Far more interesting are the issues of classism and white privilege that Dylan's auction raises, and from which she is benefitting. Being white has its advantages. Had she been a less educated or a minority woman, it would not have fed the ongoing bidding war and the media coverage as much as it has.

But as a middle-class white woman, she is not subject to the expected hypersexualization of an Asian, Latina, or Black woman. Her appeal as a dewy, naïve young virgin has been heightened by racial stereotypes about her sexual availability. She is worth more because she's white.

Dylan is maintaining control throughout the auctioning process; she can choose who she will spend the night with, whether or not (s)he is the highest bidder, and can back out of the proposal anytime without being paid for her services.

Now for the groundbreaking part: whether intentionally or not, Dylan is bridging the canyon between "virgin" and "whore," terms which have considered mutually exclusive until now. Precisely because she is simultaneously a prostitute and a virgin, Natalie Dylan is unsettling to many.

In the future, women might be able to profit from their sexual expression (or use it however they wish) without comment or censure.

Female sexuality will operate outside of the virgin/whore constraints.

This is a positive change. Natalie Dylan is doing something to ensure this change.

Mission accomplished.

What do you think? What are you doing for Spring Break?



I'm staying in town so I can paint my AP concentration and have a Harry Potter party. The party has been overdue since my Winterim in New York City. On another note, I'm excited about cleaning my room.

~Arianna Burhardt '09



I'm relaxing! I'm staying home and sleeping. I plan to sleep twelve hours or more every night and wake up around noon. When I wake up, I plan to watch movies, including my favorite, "Cutting Edge 3."

~Caroline Green '10

Death to the death penalty

BY KAITY KRUPP '10 CO-OPINIONS EDITOR

'Hi, my name is James and I'm against the death penalty because my mother was murdered.

This was the opening of James Staub's presentation to Real World Mar. 5. Despite the pain he felt regarding her death, he said that executing his mother's killer would not provide the closure he sought. He wanted his mother back, not another death.

Staub demonstrates the faults of the death penalty by saying it would provide neither justice nor closure. Besides failing to placate the victims, the death penalty also fails as a

Because capital punishment ends a life, it should be implemented only when the accused is unequivocally guilty.

However, since 1973 more than 125 deathrow inmates have been exonerated, proving that wrongful convictions and possibly wrongful executions occur. The 125th inmate to be cleared was a Tennessee man named Michael McCormick. He had been imprisoned for 15

Wrongful convictions mostly spring from state-funded lawyers' inadequate defense. Their defense is not inadequate because of incompetency; it is inadequate because they are under-staffed, overworked and under-funded.

Additionally, capital convictions are overturned in appellate courts because state prosecutors and police mishandled the defendants or witnesses (i.e. coerced confessions, biased plea bargains, etc.).

These botched cases are expensive. cording to a study in New Jersey, taxpayers spent \$253 million more on maintaining death row than if they had been paying for inmates sentenced to life without parole. The bulk of this cost goes to funding the initial trial because a majority of defendants cannot afford representation. Since it is a capital case, the state must also pay for two litigating stages and two attorneys.

Despite double the effort and time in capital cases, there is no fairness within the administration of the death penalty.

The death penalty, if applicable at all, should only be reserved for the most nefarious

Unfortunately, those who receive the penalty are often poor, people of color, and/or

mentally ill.

According to the Tennessee Coalition to Abolish State Killing (TCASK), "More than 95 percent of those on death row were financially unable to hire an attorney to represent them at trial."

Furthermore, TCASK also indicates, over 80 percent of death row defendants "have been executed for killing white victims, although whites make up only 50 percent of all homicide victims." Information like this led the US General Accounting Office in 1990, to conclude that "racial disparities (exist) in the charging, sentencing, and imposition of the death penalty."

The argument for abolition is further enhanced by the penalty's inefficient rationale. To quote a bumper sticker, it is "killing to show that killing is wrong."

The justice system has no justice if it continues to operate under this morally and logically bankrupt concept.

Capital punishment renders no justice, is wrongfully administered, expensive, racist and immoral. The only death wrought by the penalty should be its own.

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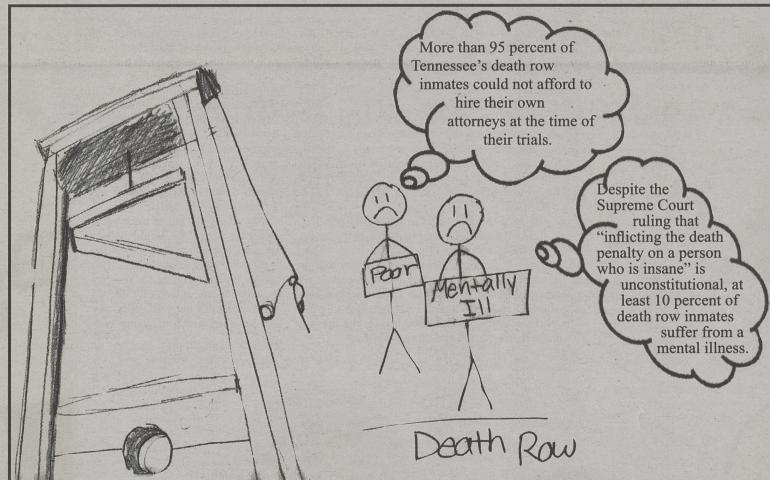
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tudents' Spring Break Plans...



I'll be cleaning the tables and taking the recycling down to Hillsboro Road. When I'm not working, I'll jump up and down and run around the campus for

~Charles Kimbro '57 Pearl High School



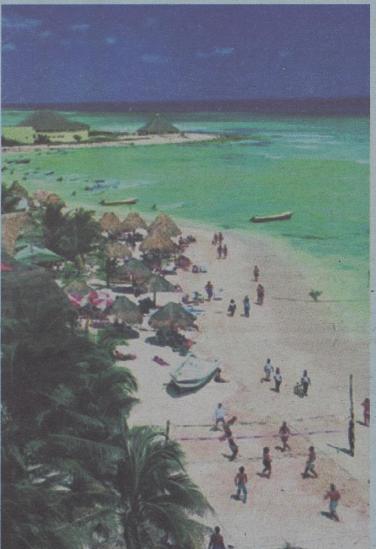
I will be celebrating my sixteenth birthday with my friends, boyfriend and parents. I'm going to some slumber parties, too. Aside from that, I'm going to finish some projects.

~Abby Smith '11

SPRIMERRAN

U.S. Department of Travel warns against spring break travels to Mexico

EMILY TSENG '10 LAYOUT AND GRAPHICS EDITOR



Playa del Carmen is a popular Mexico spring break destination for seniors. The recent warnings from the U.S. Department of Travel, however, have raised concerns amongst parents of several travelers

Students traveling to Mexican resort areas for spring break might find a little more than surf, sand, and sun.

According to CNN, Mexico has been embroiled in a "wave of drug-related violence that some are likening to a civil war." While the warring drug cartels responsible for the violence have been fighting for years, this latest rash of kidnappings, beheadings, raids and shootings has gained international media attention for its ferocity.

The Associated Press reports that the violence has mainly been centered in border towns like Ciudad Juarez and Tijuana, although there have been killings at popular spring-break destinations Cancun and Acapulco further south. In the face of this violence, the US State Department issued a travel warning Feb. 20 for American students planning to spend time in Mexico.

Numerous universities have warned their students not to go to Mexico this year. Ms. Marie Maxwell, Dean of Students, posted an AP article warning students of the danger in the Dean of Students email folder Feb. 27. It wasn't the first time students had heard of the danger.

"I was going to go on a service trip to Tijuana," said Grace Tipps '10. "I heard there'd been more kidnappings and ransoms, especially in the border cities, because of the drug trafficking, so they changed the location of the trip and a lot of parents pulled out altogether."

Claire Cato '10 was supposed to be part of the same service trip. "I read several places that women and children were especially targeted," she said, "and I'm both a woman and child. Ultimately, I didn't want to be beheaded by drug lords, so I decided that going to Mexico would be

In spite of all the warning bells, Mexico's Chief of Tourism, Oscar Fitch, insists the danger this year is no worse than in years past. "There are very safe zones and there are zones that are not safe," Oscar Fitch told CNN en español. The warning issued by the State Department stopped short of warning students outright not to travel to the country, instead focusing on the areas of known prostitution and drug-trafficking.

Caroline Mack '09 is part of a group of seniors going to Playa del Carmen as part of Senior Spring Break. In light of the situation, she is taking some extra precautions, but her plans remain unchanged. "The US Department of State website outlines the entire situation and scared my mom pretty badly but we're keeping our plan," said Caroline.

"There's going to be a certain level of danger at any Spring Break destination, but there is definitely a heightened level of danger this year in all parts of Mexico," said Caroline. "I'm planning on staying inside the resort at Playa del Carmen for safety reasons."

Olivia Coble '10 is also keeping her Mexico plans. "I honestly am not worried about it because I don't think our church would take us somewhere that would be extremely dangerous," she said. "My parents pretty much share my view and trust our church to make good decisions about our safety.'

Those still going to Mexico have taken extra precautions for safety. "I know a lot of the girls will have pepper spray just in case," said Caroline Mack. Olivia Coble's church group changed the location of their trip to a place safer than the embattled border. "Since there is so much commotion with the drug wars around Tijuana," she said, "this year we've decided to serve another area south of Arizona called Puerto Panasco."

For some, though, the threat of kidnappings and beheadings is too much, especially since numerous news sources from CNN to NPR have reported violence targeted specifically at foreigners and tourists.

"One [parent] talked to an agent and they said they would sooner send a child to Iraq than to Mexico right now," said Grace Tipps. "Basically, even if you had a security guard with you, it wouldn't do you much good. It's not safe, especially not for a big group of young peo-

The average college female consumes 10 drinks each day of **Spring Break**

uniderage drinking arrests were made during **Spring Break** Season in Panama City, FL in 2008

65% of travelers will have at least one sexual encounter over Spring Break

SPRING BREAK SAFETY TIPS

CHANNING GARBER '09 EDITOR IN CHIEF

- 1) Be with a friend at all times! Agree to stick to the buddy system for the week that you are gone and don't make any exceptions. Walking back to the room alone might sound like a good idea at the time, but better safe than sorry.
- 2) Stay away from the ATM late at night. It's safer to use a debit card or credit card than to use cash when possible. Cash is more easily stolen and a credit/debit card can be cancelled. If you do need cash, use the ATM during the day and go with a few friends.
- 3) Never accept a drink from a stranger. A supposed glass of coke can easily be laced with GHB—a colorless, tasteless, odorless date rape drug. If you set your glass down, don't pick it back up. Get a new drink!
 - 4) Stay in well-lit areas with lots of people, especially at night. The more people who are around, the safer you and your friends will be. Your chances of being attacked increase when you are in a secluded area rather than in a public place.
 - 5) Be aware of your surroundings. Pay attention to what is going on around you and don't let your guard down over the break. Being in an unfamiliar environment calls for an extra measure of alertness.
 - 6) When going out at night, decide beforehand that you will go in and leave with your friends. Make an agreement with everyone in your group that you will not go anywhere by yourself with someone you just met.
 - 7) Make sure to lock your hotel room or the door to your beach house every night. While this seems like common sense, this simple measure can prevent a great deal of unnecessary danger.
 - 8) Finally don't be afraid to tell an employee of your hotel or resort if you feel uncomfortable at any time. Trust your instincts and notify someone in charge if you suspect that there is shady business near where you are staying.

angers of spring break drinking

CHANNING GARBER '09 EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

Bathing suits, beach parties, and the emblematic Solo cup have all been a part of the stereotypical college spring break experience; however, in recent years high school spring breaks have been taking on the same elements.

bean, and Europe for a week with friends. For many, this trip is the one week in which students can get away with illegal activities without close supervision from parents.

Before heading off for a week of partying, students should consider some of the dangers that drinking and drug use pose.

In 2005, Natalee Holloway disappeared on a graduation trip to Aruba just days before she was due to fly back home. While Natalee's case is still

her disappearance is due in some part to alcohol or drug use.

Natalee was last seen leaving a restaurant and night club with three men she had met only that night. In the coming week, students will head to the While Natalee's classmates joined her in drinking at beaches of Florida, Central America, the Carribthe local night club where they ended their Aruban vacation, Natalee's drinking and alleged drug-use proved fatal. Her impaired judgment led her to make a decision that her friends claim was not within her normal boundaries.

While the drinking age in spring break destination countries, such as Aruba, is typically 18 and loosely enforced, the legal and judicial protection existing in the United States does not match up with that of for-

One of the problems the Holloway family continu-

classified as unsolved, it is very much evident that ously ran into was the difficulty of working with a foreign police force—one that had different policies and modes of investigation. The key suspects in the Holloway case could not be detained for more than a month, preventing authorities from being able to find enough physical evidence to corroborate their suspicions..

> students travel to areas age is lower or less strictly enforced the temptation to consume large amounts of alcohol is greatly increased. While spring break can potentially be a great time to relax with family and friends, a week of heavy drinking combined with a new environment creates a potentially deadly situation.

> Bottom line: use common sense wherever you are this spring break and enjoy yourself while being

Saturday School 101: How to Survive

MEREDITH WAS '09 CO-FEATURES EDITOR

form day. Ankle socks. Late for class. If you merits, she corrected us and told us that it was our have ever been guilty of one of these infractions, chances are you have been awarded some lucky demerits for your actions. After two freebie offenses, every demerit lands you with an hour in Saturday detention. Ouch.

Bradley Moody '09 is a seasoned veteran of these Saturday detentions. "In my eight years at Harpeth Hall, I think I've been to over 10 Saturday schools," she said.

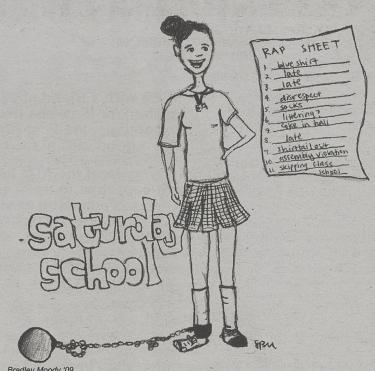
So what are Bradley's tips for survival? Well, first of all, the agenda of the day depends on which teacher is proctoring, and as a result varies

"My best Saturday school experience was in 5th grade with Ms. Schwartz," Bradley said. "After cleaning, she gave us doughnuts and Coke, and she had a little talk with us about what we had done wrong. After trying to convince her that

Dress shirt untucked. Blue shirt on dress uni- what we had done wrong was not worthy of default that we were there. That began my Saturday school journey.'

Whether your Saturday school consists of cleaning the buses, cleaning the tennis courts, writeoffs, reading short stories and having discussions, or staring at the wall, Bradley said that it is important to keep a positive attitude, because if you don't, the time will only go by more slowly. Make sure you wear your entire uniform, and make sure you are there five minutes early because if you are late, you get another hour. Keep a book in your purse just in case the proctor lets you read.

But above all, "Try to avoid demerits at all costs by wearing your full uniform, being on time, and being respectful of your teachers. Then maybe you won't end up like me: a Saturday school delinquent," said Bradley.



Recent study finds

Top 10 Prom Themes in Harpeth Hall History

RYLLIS LYLE '09 CO-BACKPAGE EDITOR

10. Shipwrecked on Treasure Island	.1997
9. Magic Carpet Ride	.1987
8. City of Love, City of Lights: Paris	.2004
7. Ever After	.2007
6. Bon Voyage	.2006
5. Arabian Nights	.2005
4. An Evening with the Stars: Hollywood	.1993
3. Mardi Gras: A Night in New Orleans	.1995
2. Secret Garden	.2003
1. Night on the Nile	.2008







Night on the Nile, last year's prom theme, featured murals of Egyptian pyramids in the gallery and a giant King Ramses statue in Mor-

cheating on the rise

MEREDITH WAS '09 CO-FEATURES EDITOR

A Josephson Institute survey of almost 30,000 high school teenagers from all over the United States found that a startling majority of students cheat on schoolwork and

Sixty four percent of the polled students admitted to cheating on a test within the past year, according to the survey conducted in 2008. Thirty eight percent admitted to cheating two or more times. Despite their admitted dishonesty, 93% of students said

they were satisfied with their personal ethics and character.

Whether these num-

any sort of reflection of the level of honesty at Harpeth Hall is impossible to tell. Willa Fitzgerald '09 is the Secretary of the Harpeth Hall Honor Council. "I think the cheating at Harpeth Hall is not 64% of the student body because we have the honor code, which keeps honor at the forefront of everyone's mind so they are not tempted to cheat in the first place. The proportion of students cheating here is definitely lower, but I do think there is still a base level of cheating at our school," said Willa.

Other students tend to agree. "There is always cheating going on, but I think generally Harpeth Hall students have a high

level of integrity," said Sarah Schutt '09. The cheating at Harpeth Hall does seem to have increased since years past, however. "This year alone, we have seen more cases of cheating in the first semester than we saw all of last year," said Channing Garber '09, Honor Council Sergeant at

An ABC News Primetime feature on cheating cites the advances in technology

as a cause of the steady rise in cheating over the years. Students are using their phones to

access the internet during tests to find answers or to text each other with answers.

ABC News also said that stealing papers off the internet in order to plagiarize has been a rising trend as well. When students were asked why they cheat, they usually cited the increased pressure and competition to get into college in their answers.

"If you have to cheat to get into college, then you clearly aren't prepared for the work of college. I don't think the "pressure" exerted on students is an excuse to compromise your honor," said Katie

1 in 5 students at secular private schools admitted to stealing.

64% of students admitted to cheating at least once in the past

38% admitted to cheating at least 2 times.

"This year alone, more cases of cheating

have come to the honor council in the first semester than all of last year," said

Channing Garber '09.

70% of students residing in the southeastern United States admitted to cheating.



How to Make the Most of Your Spring Break Playlist

BY CHELSEA STESSEL '10 STAFF WRITER

Whether you are heading to the beach, the slopes, or the living room couch this spring break, your week will be incomplete without a playlist.

Some artists fit the spring break vibe, such as Bob Marley; you can practically feel the breeze from the ocean when listening to the song "Three Little Birds." During my freshman year spring break to Florida, "Miss New Booty" was the song and still reminds me of the giant pink hotel where

The perfect spring break playlist requires certain criteria be met. It has to be relaxing, but it can't put you to sleep. It has to have new music, but nothing that you will bore you after two days. It has to contain that "OH MY GOD I LOVE THIS SONG!" song as well as the "Wow, this reminds me of Spring Break '08" song. It is an art form that must be bal-

When I asked students about their playlists this spring break, their selections reached every corner of iTunes. Lexi Mossman '11, was already hard at work on her playlist six weeks ago. Her playlist includes Coldplay, Citizen Cope, and Jack Johnson. Other classic spring break songs include Hoku's "Perfect Day," and Weezer's "Island in the Sun". Elizabeth Floyd '09 adds artist MIKA's "Grace Kelly," "Lollipop," and "Stuck in the Middle" to this list, saying that "MIKA is perfect for lounging on the beach". Taylor Cox, '09, prefers the classic sound of the '60s boy band The Beach Boys. Personally, I love '70s soft rock, so James Taylor and Cat Stevens always make my playlist.

No matter where spring break takes you, make sure you have a fantastic playlist to keep you and your friends entertained.

Logos Editors' Spring Break '09 Playlist

Channing Garber, Editor-in-Chief "We Got More Bounce in California" by Soul Kid #1

Sarah Schutt, News Editor "World Hold On" by Bob Sinclair

Katie Schull, Entertainment Editor "Gettin' Jiggy Wit It" by Will Smith

Emily Tseng, Graphics and Layout Editor "Jai Ho" from Slumdog Millionaire soundtrack by A. R. Rahman

Rosie Bichell, Co-Sports Editor "Sexy Can I" by Ray J

Madeleine Byrd, Arts Editor "Sweaty (Shazam Remix)" by Muscles

Meredith Was, Co-Features Editor "Sweet Escape" by Gwen Stefani

Rachel White, Co-Features Editor "Hotel California" by The Eagles

Cassie Sanders, Co-Opinions Editor "Good Vibrations" by The Beach Boys

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Watchmen

March 13 The Edge of Love



March 13 Sunshine Cleaning

March 13 **Duplicity**





Faculty iPod with Ms. Caroline McClelland



BY ELLEN THOMAS '09 STAFF WRITER

1. Van Morrison, "Crazy Love"

When I was in 8th grade I didn't own one CD, so my sisters picked out ten of their favorite artists/albums for a Christmas present for me to get my collection started. The "Best of Van Morrison" was in the mix, and I've been a fan ever since.

2. Ben E. King, "Stand By Me"

This was the first dance at my wedding. It will always be sentimental.

3. Tom Petty, "Free Fallin"

This was the first song I ever memorized in 3rd grade for a Girl Scout skit. Tom Petty was another of my first ten CDs

4. Alison Krauss, "Now That I've Found You"

She is probably my favorite female musician. I really like her blue grass sound, especially when she plays the fiddle.

5. Wilco, "Jesus, etc."

My husband loves music and has introduced me to a lot of different artists. We went to hear Wilco at a small venue in Chicago for one of our first dates. I think Jeff Tweedy has such a unique voice and interesting lyrics.

Coming Soon to a **Bonnaroo Near You**

BY LAUREN BOUNDS '09 STAFF WRITER

This June over 100 bands, comedians, artists and vendors will land in nearby Manchester, TN for the four-day Bonaroo Festival. The lineup was announced in early February, and tickets have now escalated to \$249.50.

The Bonnaroo ticket deadline has been extended, and tickets can still be bought at www.bonnaroo.com. Here are some artists to look for:

- The Decemberists
- 2. TV On the Radio
- Andrew Bird
- 4. Okkervil River
- 5. MGMT
- 6. Wilco 7. Of Montreal
- 8. Phish
- 9. Santogold
- 10. Snoop Dogg



Good sports figures gone bad

BY CAITLIN CASEY '12 STAFF WRITER

Michael Phelps—swimming idol, Olympic champion, and world-renowned superstar—met personal defeat when his reputation was shattered by the single click of a camera shot.

Some students were crushed when Michael Phelps was suspended from a swimming competition after he was spotted smoking a bong at a party. Girls were horrified by his poor choice and others felt betrayed by his behavior.

"This disappointed me because he is an Olympic Champion, and this is the opposite of how he should be acting," said Grayson Temple '12.

"Everyone fell in love with him when he made Olympic history," Grayson continued. "But it was not merely because he was so good. He had a good attitude...and the behavior of an admirable person.'

This is not a situation where any antidoping rule was violated," said Phelps' representative, "but we decided to send a strong message to Michael because he disappointed so many people, particularly the hundreds of thousands of kids who look up to him as a role model and a hero.

A few of Phelps' sponsors, including Kellogg, rescinded their contract with

Phelps has acknowledged his mistake and apologized. His coach and family have made a statement concerning his poor judgment.

Star athletes play a huge role in American culture. The Kaiser Family Foundation published a 1999 study estimating 88% of American kids believe athletes teach good behaviors. These kids rank athletes second to parents and teachers as the best role

Nevertheless, athlete drug usage permeates sport culture. It is common knowledge that many NFL players have taken steroids and other illegal substances, leading to the decision to enforce stricter guidelines and harsher punishments in the football league.

Argentinean tennis star Guillermo Canas was given a two-year ban for positive drug testing, yet he was allowed to return to the Association of Tennis Professionals' World Tour. About fifty other players on the pro tour have tested positive for banned steroids as well.

Nineteen American medalists were allowed to compete at Olympic Games in the past 20 years despite having failed earlier drug tests.

In 1988, Canadian runner Ben Johnson

won the 100-meter sprint in the Seoul Olympics, but afterwards tested positive for steroid use.

Years later, a news report revealed that several other athletes in the same division tested positive for drugs. Among them was the athlete who placed second. The Chinese Olympic swim team has a history of drug usage as

Although Phelps did not use steroids, his drug usage and partying has created a barrier in his ca-

Despite the intensity of the situation, according to U.S. News, several teens and adults polled have made excuses for Phelps or have accepted the behavior. A few students agree, saying they would expect a drug scandal from any professional athlete.

Parents and authority figures worry about the impact Phelps' choice has on young fans. They ask, has society

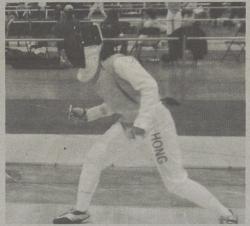
Right to left: Baseball player Alex Rodriguez, sprinter Marion Jones, swimmer Michael Phelps, and tennis player Guillermo Canas. All have been the focus of recent drug scandals.

accepted athletes' inappropriate behavior without concern?

The US Fencing Junior Olympics Championship: A Poem

"Russian Coaches, College Scouts, Yellow Cards and Fencing Bouts, and all around the strip, victory shouts."

- Emily Hong '10



Emily Hong '10 competes at the Junior Olympics in Albuquerque, New Mexico. Emily Hong '10

Spring sports wins & losses

BY KATIE MARTIN '10

Signs of spring can be found across campus. February 9 marks the beginning of the season for spring sports; a week of tension and pressure that segues into a season of excitement. "I love playing a sport," Michele Martin '11 said. "It gives me a chance to be a part of a team and enjoy the great weather." And the coming of the spring season has everyone wondering how Harpeth Hall will stack up.

The lacrosse team won the state championship last year and ended their season with a legendary four state titles in the last five years. "We definitely have the potential to win state again," Emily Hong '10 said, "but we will win through hard work.

Softball had a promising season last year, but also said goodbye to three seniors, all of whom were significant contributors to the team's success. Still, this year's team remains optimistic.

"Although we graduated three seniors from our starting line-up, we added a talented group of hard-working freshman to the team this year," Ms. Polly Linden, softball coach, said.

"We might show our youth early in the season, but with some game experience, I think the

underclassmen will have quite an impact on our

Tennis is also underway, and hopes are high for another successful season. "We plan to capitalize on the incredible depth that we have this year," Coach Buffy Baker said. "We can sense the excitement and eagerness to be tested." March 11 marks their first match at MBA.

Track too looks forward to a successful season. "We have a strong group of seniors, led by Elle Del Favero, Brenna Newport, Sarah Joy Crouch, Kathleen Fletcher, Asia Brown, and Meredith Was—all possible point scorers in the state meet," said Dr. Jack Henderson, coach of the team.

"In addition, juniors Kristen Petway, Emmy Weikert, and Katherine Dresch have the potential to win state titles," continued Dr. Jack. "All in all, then, we have a team that should be powerful enough to finish among the top three teams at State and we hope to make a serious run at

Students will have to wait and see whether the Honeybears uphold their legacy.

OBSCURE SPORT SPOTLIGHT: GOAT RACING



Two goat jockeys speed down the race track with their highly trained four-legged companions. Google Images

BY EMILY HONG '10 SPORTS EDITOR

In the week leading up to Easter Tuesday, the sleepy Caribbean village of Buccoo, Tobago, is electrified with anticipation for the island's most revered sporting

The Buccoo Crab and Goat Race Festival, held annually since 1925, draws thousands of spectators from all over the island.

Like Nashville's Steeplechase, the festival has its own unique culture. The event began as a lowerclass substitute for the upper-class pastime of thoroughbred racing but is currently celebrated with all Tobagonian enthusiasm. the splendor of any regular horse

Goat racing, in which the jockey, typically a barefooted boy, runs alongside his mammalian partner in a quick 100m dash, is the main

Before the athletes are loaded into the starting box, the jockeys stretch, the coaches and trainers nervously chew their fingernails, and the goats parade before the au-

According to the official website of the Buccoo goat race, the best racing goat is "energetic and long-legged," and is "very carefully selected and trained" in preparation for the race.

Once the gates are opened and the din of stampeding hooves begins, the crowd goes wild.

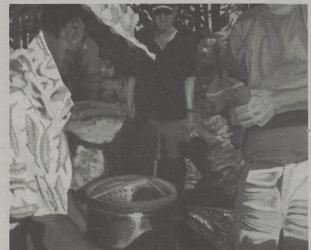
"I would definitely participate in goat racing," said Meredith Lawrence '09, joining in on the probably hurt myself, but it would still be fun."

So does Goat and Crab Racing have a future at Harpeth Hall?

Caroline Byrd 310 suggested that it could be adapted to fit Nash-villian needs. "Maybe we could start a new tradition of riding goats to school to further our efforts in going green."

logos

Eleven art students triumph in Scholastic Art Awards



"Lobster," an oil painting on canvas, by Kalen McNamara '09 won a silver Scholastic Key Award. Kalen McNamara '09.

Eleven students received gold and silver awards in the 2009 Scholastic Art Competition for Middle Tennessee in late January. Of the hundreds of pieces submitted throughout the region, only a handful of works were chosen per

Rather than exhibiting both silver and gold winners in the gallery at Cheekwood's Museum of Art, this year only the gold winners' works were displayed.

"I think that they should have displayed the silver awards too," said Ms. Rosie Paschall, instructor of Art III and AP

There were 19 categories, ranging from video and film to printmaking, and Harpeth Hall students received awards in five of the 19 categories. The Gold Key winners from Harpeth Hall were: Paige Cahill '09 for "Circus," computer art; Anna Spoden '09 for "My Brother," drawing; Jane Marie Brown '09 for "Trailer," mixed media, and "Feet," painting; Angela Park '09 for "Self Portrait," painting.

The Silver Key winners were: Aline Dushimire '09 for "Self Portrait," computer art; Angela Park '09 for "My



"My Fears." a mixed medium piece, by Angela Park '09 won a silver Key Award. Angela Park '09.



"At The Party," an oil pastel piece, by Ryllis Lyle '09 won a silver Scholastic Key Award. Ryllis Lyle '09.

Fears," mixed media; Jane Brown '09 for "Self Portrait," painting; Ryllis Lyle '09' for two paintings, "At The Party" and "Self Portrait;" Kalen McNamara '09 for "Around the Campfire," painting; Maddie Polk '09 for "Summer Fun," painting; Jenny Cook '10 for "Snow Day," printmaking; Grayson Eckert '10 for "Untitled," printmaking; Caroline Green '10 for "Stamp Collector," printmaking.

Jane Marie Brown '09 was also selected as an American Vision Nominee for her painting, "Feet." There were five American Vision Nominees for the entire competition.

The judging rubric this year left many art students disgruntled and confused.

"They are secretive and arguably arbitrary about their judging process," said a HH senior.

The pieces seem to have a kind of rubric on them when they return from competition, a rubric with which the judges have evaluated the pieces, but mysteriously the pieces that do really well according to the rubric don't necessarily get awards, and often the pieces that do get awards do worse according to the rubric than non-winning pieces?

This happened to a handful of students at HH and MBA this year," said one student.

Such complaints were not uncommon.

"What makes me mad about the competition is they don't necessarily look for the best technique and subject matter. They just look for 'cool' or 'edgy' things that in reality are often very stupid. All of the HH girls who won deserved the awards they received," said another student.

Another student said that "some of the awards were given on a political basis, not an unbiased one that based on talent." Because of such complaints, Ms. Rosie Paschall has considered not sending artwork to the competition in coming years.

The artworks that received an award will be sent to New York City for national judging. Winning works from the national judging will be exhibited at the Corcoran Gallery in Washington D.C.

Look for these works of art in both the student art show and the A.P. art show in April.

Alumnae Art Exhibit

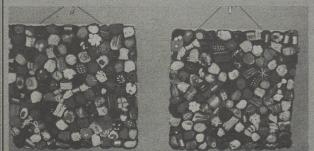
BY MADELEINE BYRD '09 ARTS EDITOR

The Alumnae Art Exhibit is displayed in both the Marnie Sheridan Gallery and the Patton Visual Arts Center from Feb 21- Apr 3. Artists range from graduates of 2004 to graduates of 1934.

The eclectic assortment of works range from collage, to water color, to oil paintings, prints to even some sculptures and jewelry.

Some may be surprised to see the work of Harpeth Hall's own Dean of Students, Mrs. Marie Maxwell '64. "I think it's really neat that Mrs. Maxwell's art is in the alumni art show. It's surprising what we don't know about our food bags, by Vadie Turner '95 at \$3,800. Kelsea Best Photo Editor. teacher," said Ryllis Lyle '09. Mrs. Maxwell's watercolor painting is displayed in the Marnie Sheridan Gallery.

Ms. Katie Cowan and Ms. Judy Quinn, Middle School teachers and alumae, also have their work displayed in the



"Chocolates on Canvas" is a series of three pieces mixed media pieces of stitched fabric made to look like a box of chocolates by Vadie Turner '95 and run for \$2,500 each.



Fast Food Quilt," is a mixed media quilt made of old fast



"Many Children" is an acrylic painting on canvas by Amanda Norman '00 that runs for \$850.

'Dearly Beloved' Review

BY MARY ANN WAGSTER '12

Students flooded the theatre the weekend of Feb 26 to attend the hit show, "Dearly Beloved," and no one left the theater with a solemn face. From the first scene, the audience was falling off their chairs at this nonstop comedy about the "clan of throwbacks" known more commonly in Fayro, Texas, as the Futrelle family. The play is centered on the Futrelle wedding which has turned into a whirlwind of chaos after the bride and groom run off together, using money given to the groom by his crazy mother to end the marriage. Each cast member slid easily in to their Texas accent and played their version of a nervous UPS man posing as the preacher, the mullet-headed mother-in-law with a cigarette always in hand, or the flower shop owner/Spanish speaking announcer for the bus line.

Willa Fitzgerald '09 and Van Scholten, a BGA Senior, played Frankie and Dub, the stereotypical bride's parents fretting over every detail of the wedding, from the wicked mother-in law to-be to the unusual assortment of tupperware at the rehearsal dinner. The Futrelle sisters Honey Raye, Twink, Tina Jo, and Gina Jo; Christina Chapman '10, Blythe Cate '09, and Lizzy Floyd '09, constantly bickered over disputes of their past and slowly unwove the tangled web of their relationship. The town comes together in this production to help the Futrelles mend a wedding that has fallen apart at the seams.

Each scene threw the audience into a fit of laughter whether it was Honey Raye's "hot, gorgeous, and unpredictable" ways, or the pack of dogs outside the church. With food constantly on the table, friends zooming in and out of the drama, and pig roastin' out back, this production brought to life this little Texas town and all of its members with a flare that left the audience wiping away tears of laughter.



SUPER EDITION!

ASK RYLLIS AND BRADLEY

Dear Ryllis and Bradley, Fannee Doolee likes Ryllis, but she doesn't like Bradley. Why do you think that is? -Ellen Thomas '09

Dear Ellen,

Well, we assessed your question and have decided that Fannee Doolee likes Ryllis because of the double "L" in the name and does not like Bradley because her name has no double letters. Also, Bradley threw pudding in Fannee Doolee's face, and Ryllis did not.

At a movie theater, which arm rest is yours?
-Brittany Farr '10

Fight for your right to rest your arm. It can be either one, or if you are feisty it can be BOTH. So get out there and be aggressive. ("Justice is your right, and we DEMAND it")

- TV Lawyer Bart Durham) Thanks!

-Ryllis and Bradley

Where is the closest nude beach?
- Anonymous Student

France.

Where IS Waldo?
-Abby Smith '11

Last seen in Uruguay. Check Neptune? Maybe Cuba with Castro? Possibly Iceland, fixing the currency? How about Australia, riding the Kangaroos?

Do giraffes make noises?
-Anonymous Student

Yes, when they are attacking, their tongues click madly. Use caution when near them.

How do I find an Edward Cullen?
- Bailey Frost '12

Step 1: Carefully place a Bella under a slightly closed, upside-down box.

Step 2: Attach a string to the box

Step 3: Hide in the bushes.

Step 4: When Edward comes for Bella, pull string and trap Edward in box.

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